

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77684

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Appln. No.: 10/676,117

Group Art Unit: 3753

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Examiner: Teresa J. WALBERG

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For: A MODULAR ARCHITECTURE FOR THERMAL CONTROL IN A SPACECRAFT

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated July 11, 2006 and the accompanying Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant submits the following comments:

COMMENTS

The Notice of Allowability also includes an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant believes the Examiner's statements are inaccurate for at least the following reasons. The Examiner's statements might be construed to imply that each of the claims requires the means-plus-function element under 35 U.S.C. § 112(6) that is recited in claim 1. However, claim 19 and claims dependent therefrom, for example, do not recite a means-plus-function element. Furthermore, regarding the means-plus-function element recited in claim 1,

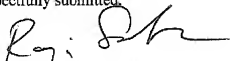
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Fig. 4 is merely one exemplary embodiment. Applicant submits that the allowed claims speak for themselves, and do not require additional clarification to determine their respective scopes.

Please enter Applicant's comments into the above-identified application. No response from the Examiner is deemed to be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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